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SUBJ: ALLEGATION USG PLANS RECOGNIZE BOUGAINVILLE PROVINCIAL
GOVERNMENT

REF: PORT MORESBY 663

1. PRIVATE SECRETARY TO CHIEF MINISTER SOMARE, RABBIE NAMALIU,
INFORMED POLOFF AT LUNCHEON MEETING AUG. 7 GPNG NOW RECEIVING
INTELLIGENCE REPORTS TO EFFECT BOUGAINVILLE PROVINCIAL GOVT
LEADERSHIP SPREADING TALE THAT U.S., GERMANY, AND SWITZERLAND
ARE PREPARED TO RECOGNIZE BPG INDEPENDENCE AND ARE SUPPORTIVE
OF BOUGAINVILLE'S BREAKAWAY ATTEMPTS. NAMALIU ATTEMPTING OBTAIN
DEFINITE CONFIRMATION SITUATION FROM BOUGAINVILLE ACTING
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

2. NAMALIU QUERIED WHETHER USG WILLING MAKE PUBLIC STATEMENT
OF USG SUPPORT PNG UNITY TO SILENCE SUCH RUMORS. WOULD LIKE
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STATEMENT SOON AS POSSIBLE BUT AT ANY DATE PRIOR SEPT. 1

SCHEDULED BOUGAINVILLE BREAKAWAY DATE. NAMALIU HAS NOT RECENTLY DISCUSSED MATTER WITH SOMARE, AND WILL NOT BE ABLE TO DO SO UNTIL SOMARE RETURNS FROM WEWAK FOR ONWARD TRIP TO AUSTRALIA AUG. 10.

3. POLOFF INFORMED NAMALIU U.S. STOOD FOUR SQUARE BEHIND PNG UNITY, AND HAD NO INTEREST WHATSOEVER IN SEEING PNG FRAGMENTED BY BREAKAWAY MOVEMENTS WHETHER BOUGAINVILLIAN OR ANY OTHER. STATED DEPT. WOULD BE INFORMED OF GPNG INTEREST IN USG STATEMENT SUPPORTIVE OF PNG UNITY, BUT NO ACTION COULD BE TAKEN BY POLOFF UNTIL CONSULTATIONS WITH CONGEN OLMSTED AND DEPT., AND CLEAR INDICATION FROM SOMARE THAT STATEMENT NOW DESIRABLE AND WOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED BY GPNG AS INTERFERENCE IN PNG DOMESTIC AFFAIRS.

4. IF STATEMENT TO BE MADE POLOFF INDICATED IT COULD BE DONE IN CONJUNCTION OF EARLY ANNOUNCEMENT GOODWILL MESSAGE TO PNG OR ANNOUNCEMENT COMPOSITION U.S. DEL COMING HERE.

5. COMMENT: REF TEL INDICATES GPNG APPREHENSIONS RE USG ATTITUDE TOWARD BOUGAINVILLE. SUSPECT ULTIMATELY IT WILL BE BOTH NECESSARY AND USEFUL TO MAKE PUBLIC STATEMENT. THIS CAN BE DONE HOWEVER AFTER CONFIRMATION SOMARE'S WISHES AND REVIEW MATTER BY CONGEN OLMSTED AND DEPT. AFTER CONGENS RETURN PORT MORESBY AUGUST 11.

IF, HOWEVER, BPG LEADERSHIP IS ACTIVELY PROMOTING THIS RUMOR IT MAY REACH LOCAL PRESS HERE. AN EQUIVOCAL STATEMENT, OR ONE THAT IS TOO OBLIQUE OR SOPHISTICATED, OR A DELAYED RESPONSE TO A DIRECT INQUIRY FROM THE MEDIA WOULD HAVE EXTREMELY UNFORTUNATE LONG TERM REPERCUSSIONS HERE. IF DIRECTLY APPROACHED BY MEDIA,

PRIOR RETURN CONGEN, RATHER THAN DELAY OR EQUIVOCATE I WOULD PLAN MAKE FOLLOWING SHORT STATEMENT EFFECT USG FULLY SUPPORTIVE UNITED PNG.

"THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FULLY SUPPORTS A UNITED PAPUA NEW GUINEA. IT WELCOMES PAPUA NEW GUINEA AS IT ASSUMES ITS NEW RESPONSIBILITIES AS AN INDEPENDENT NATION. WE SHARE PAPUA NEW GUINEA'S ASPIRATIONS FOR UNITY, INTEGRITY, INTEGRAL HUMAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DEVELOPMENT, EQUALITY, SELF RELIANCE, AND NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY. WE BELIEVE THAT THESE ASPIRATIONS CAN BEST BE ACHIEVED WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF A UNITED PAPUA NEW GUINEA." EASTON

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